

Dear Chem 269 Students,

Welcome to Chem 269 for Spring, 2014. I wish to point out a few things so you'll be ready for the semester.

Because there is no longer a weekly lecture, what was previously covered in the lecture portion of the course is now completely online. Consequently, it will be very important for me to keep in touch with you on a regular, usually weekly, basis. This will mainly be done by email so it is essential that you check email often and make sure that the email address in your Chem 269 OWL account is one that you use and maintain (for example do not let it go over quota).

A final exam will be given during the normal final exam period. The final will not be given early to anyone, so be very sure that you do not make travel plans until you know the final exam schedule posted by the University.

Lab for the Friday section begins on Friday, January 24. The other sections begin the following week. It is essential that you attend your first lab period. Space is at a premium and if you do not attend the first lab period your space may be given to someone else. You will be given several handouts at the first lab period. OWL assignments on Course Policy and Safety will be required before you may attend your second lab period. I will send more information by email at that time. Feel free to look over the course website to familiarize yourself with the course. Copies of many of the pages will be given to you at your first meeting so it is not necessary to print them out before then.

You will be rostered for OWL during the first week of classes and informed once this is done. Please do not request a login before then. This course does not use MOODLE or SPARK.

I know that many of you approach this course with trepidation. I think that you'll find that it is actually not that bad and in fact many of you will find it quite interesting and enjoyable. Best of luck with orgo lab!

Sincerely,

Peter Samal,
Chem 269 Instructor and Director of the Organic Labs

(just so you'll know who I am, a photo is on the next page.)

